

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 68

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Bill Emery of Jackson.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Mr. Bill Emery; and

WHEREAS, Bill Emery was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Bill Emery was born August 15, 1939, in Chattanooga, Tennessee, to the late William and Flora Carter Emery; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bill Emery sacrificed his personal safety and concerns to ensure the individual and collective freedom of all Americans by selflessly serving with courage and gallantry during three tours in Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, with the bravery and conviction of a true patriot, Bill Emery retired after thirty years of exemplary service in the United States Marines as Master Gunnery Sergeant; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to the entrepreneurial spirit, Mr. Emery owned a home health care business, ExtendaCare, with which he earned the respect of his peers and clients alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, Bill Emery is also remembered for his achievements as a Mason; rising through the ranks, he achieved all the degrees of the ancient craft of Masonry, and was conferred the honor of 33<sup>rd</sup> degree Mason. Along with the venerable rank as a Master Mason with membership at St. Johns Lodge #332, he was also a member of the Memphis Scottish Rite, Al Chymia Shrine Temple, Royal Order of Jesters Court # 130, and the Order of Quetzalcotatl; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Emery was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Bill Emery enjoyed the loving and devoted companionship of his wife of forty-seven years, Iris, and was the proud father of John Emery, who is the husband of Lilibeth Emery, and Lisa Hanna; this remarkable gentleman is also survived by his sister, Linda Card, and two grandchildren, Sadie Hanna and Sarah Hanna; and

WHEREAS, Bill Emery leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Bill Emery, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Emery.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.